

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-15 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 15 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found through the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has rejected Claim 1-3, 5-7 and 9-15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, alleging them to be indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

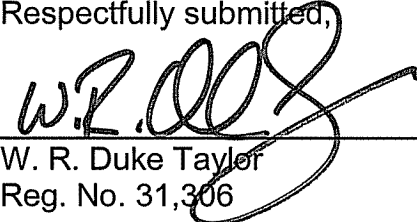
Applicants have amended Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 15 in an attempt to overcome the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection. Applicants have amended Claim 1 to further define the portion of the flexible member that protrudes through the aperture and that substantially all of the damping vibration medium is in the portion protruding through the at least one aperture. Claim 2 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Also, it includes the gaseous vibration damping medium. Claim 3 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection. Claims 6, 9, 12, 13 and 15 have been amended in an attempt to overcome the Examiner's objection to the vibration damping material language.

Accordingly, in light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass the case to issue at his earliest possible convenience. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, he should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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